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Bill No. SB 100

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To the members of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee:

As a coal producing county we, the Board of Rosebud County Commissioners, are in support of SB 100 for increase funding in the next two biennium's. We would remind you the Coal Board's purpose is to provide grants to help communities meet public facility or public service needs that are related to the development or decline of coal mining or coal-fired power generating plants.

3/5/2009

We would like to point out a couple projects funded in the 2008-2009 biennium

- ❖Thirty-two (32) grants were awarded totaling \$2 million
- ❖Projects involved over \$13.9 million in other state, federal & local funds
- ❖The funds awarded have not been just to the impact areas, but also to surrounding counties
- ❖Grants awarded on bases partly on degree of local efforts

The Coal Board currently has 15 applications requesting \$2.8 million in projects. The applications are tabled until the next biennium's funding is available.

Respectfully,

Rosebud County Commissioners

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